

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 992

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties on its fifty years of service.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties on its fifty years of service to Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties have democratized giving through hundreds of corporate partners, large and small, which allow each employee the choice of giving whenever the donor believes his hard-earned money can do the most good; and

WHEREAS, each year, scores of thousands of Tennesseans are served by partnering agencies and programs that are funded by the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties; its members feed the hungry, care for frail elderly, prevent child abuse, provide shelter to homeless, and equip young people with mentors and life skills to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties, which now raises over \$2 million annually, strongly partners with other United Ways across Tennessee to raise \$90 million each year to support health and human services, thereby taking a burden off government; and

WHEREAS, local initiatives have served as national models for other United Ways and nonprofits. The First Call For Help call center in Rutherford County served as the state's prototype 2-1-1 Call Center that is now available throughout Tennessee for one-stop information and assistance, and Success By 6 is an early childhood learning initiative that leads to school readiness by focusing on children ages 0 to 6; and

WHEREAS, volunteers participate in hands-on Days of Caring, fundraising solicitation, board leadership, and the determination of where and how the community contributions are allocated and spent, thereby truly making this the community's United Way; and

WHEREAS, Middle Tennessee State University, the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, the local governments and school systems in Rutherford and Cannon Counties, WGNS 1540AM, WBRY 1450AM, hundreds of local businesses, and dozens of charitable nonprofits are meaningful partners with the United Way in supporting early literacy, a healthy economy, and a strong workforce for tomorrow; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the humanitarian work of the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties and encourage local workplace participation and volunteerism in this local United Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.